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BECAUSE THE COLONEL IS THE PURE IN HEART AND MIND

Therefore He Should be the Unanimous
Nominee of the Convention
Next Week

For the Only Reason That He Thinks
So and Feels So and He
Knows So

Teddy the Noisy was at Kansas City Tuesday with his goods and chattels. He showed some of his wares, but they were just samples. He reserved the big display for Chicago next week, when he will show the full line.

But he really had to have a new sample of his goods, so some idiotic attack of his aggregation is supposed to have thrown a knife in his direction—but this little diversion will not deserve ordinary mention in comparison with the thrillers that will be provided by him and about him and through him and in his name in the national convention, which, if it does not crown him emperor, will have to furnish a mighty good reason for not so doing.

His Heart Is Pure

When that great concourse of the faithful convenes, all of the patriots crying out in agony for "anything to beat Wilson," the colonel's strength will be as the strength of ten because his heart is pure. Self-seeking he has put from him. Vanity he never knew. He has enjoyed all the honors the world has to offer. He asks only to be allowed to serve. He asks of the convention only that it save the country from the plague of Democratic shame and disaster. He asks that it do so in the one way possible—by nominating for president a pure and noble and brave American, whose policies are exactly right, whose record is exactly right, and who, if elected, it is providently assured, will do exactly right. That there is but one living American who meets exactly this description, and that his name is Theodore Roosevelt, the colonel recognizes. Therefore Theodore Roosevelt must be nominated. It is not the colonel's fault. It is the fault of the convention, of the party, of the country, that has failed to produce, from among its hundred million citizens, another man worthy to preside over, protect and guide the destinies of this mighty republic. The colonel regrets it. He

wishes in his heart of hearts there were another worthy man. He yearns for peace and retirement and dolce far niente. But there is a great occasion at hand that calls for brave deeds, for "something of the heroic," and he is the only hero in sight. Not through personal ambition, therefore, but because he is in the fell clutch of circumstance, he is obliged to insist upon his own nomination. It must be tendered by a party of which he is not even nominally a member and which only four years ago he banished from every state in the union but two, compelling it to fly for its life to the wild fastnesses of Utah and Vermont!

The Colonel Will Sing

The convention doesn't want to do it, like the maid in the rag-time ditty, but the colonel proposes to teach it to sing "you made me do it" if he can—and as a song-master he acknowledges no equals. He is buoyantly confident he can teach even Barnes and Penrose to sing it.

The unsophisticated and the untaught and unwary profess to think it's all over but the shouting—that the convention will spank the colonel and send him home, conferring at the same time the crown upon Charles Evans Hughes, the Great Unknown. It may be so. But—spank the colonel when they want to! Spank him when they can't win without him and know it—when they can't even win with him, only they don't know it—comrades and fellow citizens, don't, for Mike's sake, be too sure of that!

The colonel has the whip hand. He has the inside track. He has "something of the heroic" sizzling inside him. He has a giant's power and deems it not the least tyrannous to use it like a giant. And he stands opposed to nothing more formidable than a thousand or so Republican delegates, Gulliver among the Liliputians. Don't again we pray of you, don't accept the colonel's defeat as a foregone conclusion.

SOCKED IT TO HADLEY

The Ex-Kansas Governor of Missouri
Is Given a Real Old-Fashioned
Trimming

Little Herby Hadley, the ex-Kansas governor of Missouri, was given the trimming of his life when the state delegation, of which our own Ralph O. Stauber was a member, met at St. Louis Monday to arrange matters for the coming Chicago convention. Herby wanted to be—in fact, he had set his cap for the place—chairman of the Missouri delegation at the Chicago convention. But he did not get within the also-ran class when the delegates who "were wise to him" met. After he had been so absolutely smothered that only an ear trumpet would bring his whispers to the audible proportion, he told how it happened this way:

"I consented to the use of my name only because my friends thought I might in that way help to defeat the control of the delegation by E. L. Morse. I had the voluntary assurance of support from a majority of the delegation against Henwood, Morse's original candidate, and this fact doubtless caused his withdrawal and the substitution of Stifel.

"It is, of course, of no importance who holds the committee assignment, but it is of importance as to what influences and methods control the party organization.

"I do not believe this vote indicates in any way the sentiment of the delegation on president, and whether the Morse-Babler-Howe-Stifel combination shall further extend its control of party affairs will be a question for the Republican voters to decide in the August primaries."

Poor Herby—he is to be pitied in his humiliation and his despair. He was once a gop idol—but now he is

"KIOWA JIM" IS DEAD

A Former Famous Newspaper Man of
This Section Answers to
the Last Roll Call

A brief message from the National Military Home at Fort Leavenworth brings the tidings that James H. Dyer, an inmate of that institution, is dead. The news of his passing will recall to the minds of all old newspaper men all over this section, many memories of one who was an old-time printer and publisher, who was famous over this section in an earlier day.

Dyer was an old soldier. Prior to the war he operated papers at Savannah and Maryville. After the war, through its entire course of which he was a brave and loyal soldier, he returned to this section and again resumed the printing business, conducting papers at Barnard, Fillmore and Forest City. When he became too infirm to longer "stick type" or push the pencil, he retired to the Old Soldiers' Home where he spent his last years. He was a writer or more than ordinary note and with a style peculiarly his own. After the war and prior to his return to newspaperdom he, with his regiment, was sent out west to put down the Indian uprisings, and on account of a notable feat he accomplished while in that campaign, he was dubbed "Kiowa Jim." Under that pseudonym he wrote many highly interesting magazine and newspaper stories.

WHY DID HE HIDE AT SAN JUAN?

"I ask that we in this generation prove ourselves the spiritual heirs both of the men who wore the blue and the men who wore the gray. I speak to, and on behalf of a nation of freemen. Freemen, fit to be freemen, do not have to hire other men to do their fighting. No nation is really great, no race is entitled to a permanent position of leadership or of equality on this earth, unless its sons are willing to die at need for great ideals. In the long run the country MUST be worth living in if it is to be worth dying for."

This Teddy bawled at Kansas City, Tuesday. If he is so anxious to die for his country, why did he hide behind the colored troops at San Juan Hill?

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

One That Will Suit the Party of Good
to the Least
Number

The fixers of the grand old party are busily at work trying to get up a platform with which to go before the people next November. For the benefit of the already tired workers here are a few suggestions:

We favor immediate repeal of the federal reserve act and the substitution of a central bank controlled by Standard Oil.

We demand prompt removal of the income tax from the statute books and the restoration of a system of taxation which relieves the rich of, and places upon the poor, the heavy cost of government.

We insist upon early elimination of the federal trade commission, so that the great trusts may resume the practice of unfair and cut-throat competition without let or hindrance.

We hereby declare for the enactment of a drastic law prohibiting any public mention of the great measures for the development of agriculture, of commerce and industry put in force under Democratic administration, because discussion of these matters tends to make votes for Woodrow Wilson.

We point with sorrow and sinking hearts to the unprecedented prosperity of the United States and we hereby solemnly swear that not one nickel of it is attributable to Democratic administration, but that our good fortune is entirely and wholly due to the eclipse of the moon last July, or something like that.

We urge immediate annexation of the Hearst ranch.

We love ourselves more than our neighbors and propose to do unto the common people just as Mark Hanna did unto them, only more so, etc.

ANOTHER PROS- PERITY ITEM

Col. Ed M. Harber, Collector for the
St. Joseph District, Shows a
Heavy Gain

Figures compiled by E. M. Harber, collector of internal revenue, show an increase of 30 to 40 per cent over last year in corporation and individual income taxes.

The corporation assessments for nine months ending March 31 were \$477,750; for the corresponding period last year they were \$309,100. For the same period this year the individual income tax assessments were \$341,918.99; for the same nine months last year they were \$253,686. The combined income and corporation tax assessments for the period last year were \$562,810, and this year the total is \$819,680, a gain of \$256,870.

"I attribute the increase," said Col. Harber, "to the prosperous condition of the Kansas City district. I am satisfied the income tax returns are a true index to the business conditions of the country. We appreciate the promptness in payments this year."

MRS. BELDEN AS AN OBSERVER

Forecaster W. S. Belden of the St. Joseph weather bureau has just issued a neat brochure entitled "The Climate of Brown County, Kansas," which is a most interesting document. It is dedicated to his mother, Jennie Catbelle Belden, who died at her home at Horton, Kans., July 24, 1915. For nearly twenty-five years she had been a co-operative observer of the United States weather bureau for Brown county, and did most efficient service. She took great pride in the work, and the resume of it was made by her son shows that it was most efficient.

Mrs. Alexander Brown Day entertained informally Tuesday in honor of Miss Anna Louise Kemper, a June bride-elect, and her bridal party.

A SHOWING OF REAL PROSPERITY

What a Vigorous Enforcement
of the Law Has Made
Perfectly Clear

INCOME TAX WILL SHOW GREAT INCREASE

At Least \$25,000,000 More Will Be Secured This Year Than Was Expected, Which Discloses the Fact that Under Democratic Administration the Country Is More Prosperous Than It Has Ever Been in the History of This Great Nation

More definite compilations of the income tax assessments than was possible to present two weeks ago now indicate that the total collections for the fiscal year may exceed \$120,000,000. A recent study of the returns by experts of the income tax division of the treasury department has disclosed an even greater volume of prosperous business than the government officials had expected to find.

Even then it was clear that the total collections would be at least \$25,000,000 in excess of the \$85,000,000 mark, at which the income tax yield had been estimated at the outset of the year. Now it is clear to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and his associates that the total excess revenue over the estimates will be at least \$35,000,000, and possibly \$50,000,000 more.

"The enormous increase is due to two causes," said Secretary McAdoo. "First, the great prosperity of the country, and, secondly, the vigorous enforcement of the income tax law."

Law Vigorously Enforced

In this connection it should be explained that by direction of Secretary McAdoo, Commissioner of Internal Revenue William H. Osborn has pursued a most vigorous policy in the enforcement of the income tax law in the past year. Not only has all of the available energy of the office experts at the treasury department been employed in a careful investigation of the income tax returns and a study of other avenues of information, but special agents of the revenue service have been engaged in field work, with a view of ascertaining if the government had been deprived of any income tax revenue collectible under the law. As a result of this policy, \$8,700,000 already has been paid into the treasury during the present year.

Figures Are Conservative

In an analysis of the income tax prospects, in which he limits himself conservatively to a discussion of minimum quantities instead of maximum, Secretary McAdoo says:

"Exclusive of \$8,000,000 collected in July, 1915, the internal revenue bureau has assessed during the current fiscal year \$113,000,000. This includes \$52,127,604.65 corporation income tax and \$61,048,324.79 individual income tax, a total of \$113,175,928.84. If 10 per cent of this amount is carried over for payment during the first ten days of the next fiscal year, the collection of the balance by the government during this year, together with the \$8,000,000 paid in July, 1915, will amount to \$110,000,000, while only six months ago it was estimated that the collections would be only \$85,000,000 for the year."

Exceeds Largest Estimate

Government officials declare it is difficult to realize the extent of the expansion of business and private incomes represented by this increase in the income tax. It must be remembered that the estimate of \$85,000,000 for the year's collections was formulated last September, when the country was in the midst of an era of prosperity which many persons already had characterized as unprecedented. The estimate of \$85,000,000 was based upon prospective continuance and expansion of the prosperity of which so many signs then were perceptible. It provided for the considerable increase over the collections of the preceding year. The statistical experts of the bureau who have sought to interpret the significance of the prospective increases in the income tax collections are almost at a loss to estimate even in round numbers the volume of new business which is represented in the increases. Several weeks ago one of the highest experts

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SHAKY PRINCIPLES ARE APPARENT

The League's Methods Called
Into Serious Question by
St. Louis Republic

WOULD BULLDOZE THE CANDIDATES

And Would Make It So that the People, Who Are the Real Rulers of Missouri, Will Not Even Have the Right of Appeal Under the Referendum Clause of the Constitution, But Must Accept What the Self-Constituted Regulators of Public Morals Would Hand Out to Them

The St. Louis Republic last Saturday printed the following editorial on the Anti-Saloon League, headed, "A Shaky Principle."

"The Anti-Saloon League is an organization which has been supported by ministers and church people generally throughout the United States; to this fact it owes its strength and its power to affect the outcome of political battles. Its future depends on the continuity of its hold on this constituency. And this continuity depends—in the final test—on the fundamental principles upon which the league bases its action.

One Very Shaky Principle

"It is building upon at least one very shaky principle in Missouri just now. Its headquarters committee declares that it has addressed to a Democratic candidate for the nomination for governor, the question whether he will, if elected governor, sign a prohibitory law with the 'peace, health or safety' clause attached, which would prevent its being submitted to the people under the referendum provision of the constitution.

"Of course, the league is wholly within its technical rights in addressing any question it can frame to any candidate whom for any reason it desires to bother, harass or defeat; that is not the aspect of the question which concerns us; that is the ordinary procedure of personal politics. The thing we are interested in, the thing which ought to interest every minister, every member of a Christian church and every citizen of Missouri who cares a copper about the morals of politics, is the fact that the league is attempting to secure certain legislation in a way which will dodge the appeal to the people.

The People's Only Resort

"The referendum provision was written into the Missouri constitution in order to make it impossible for special interests, of any sort whatsoever, to take advantage of a temporary ascendancy in the legislature to fasten on Missouri a law not approved by the majority of its electorate. It is our chief bulwark against boss rule, and machine domination.

"Our referendum law was obtained by a great struggle. It was the struggle of the people against privilege—of open-air government against invisible government, of democracy against irresponsible despotism. Does the Anti-Saloon League want to go on record as championing a program which can only be realized by a trick which shall take away from the people of Missouri the priceless right which the referendum conferred upon them—the right of the sovereign people to pass upon the acts of its own servants?

"No moral question now before Missouri is more important than this."

THIS IS THE DREADFUL DAY

This is the dreadful day—Saturday, May 27—when the powers that say but know but little, is "Swat the Rooster" day. Today many an old bird whose clarion crow has awakened the drowsy sleeper in early morn will pass in his checks, suffering because he is a rooster and his flock of wives will never shed a tear. How prophetic the lives:

"I had an old rooster.
He crowed in the lot.
The next time he crowed
He crowed in the pot."

Lots of Them Here

The man who prays, "Give us this day our daily bread" with a hoe in his hand is not very apt to go hungry. His prayer will be answered much sooner than the fellow who prays in about the same way and then tries to beat his neighbor in a trade.—Milan Standard.

ON TO ST. LOUIS IS THE SLOGAN

The Nation Famed Monroe
Club Will Assault St. Louis
in Force

AND WILL MAKE ITS PRESENCE FELT

Over Five Hundred of the Fighting Sons of St. Joseph Democracy With Their Ranks Augmented From the Loyal Counties of This District Will Swoop Down on St. Louis and Help to Swell the Applause When Woodrow Wilson Is Again Made the Nominee.

At 9 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, June 13, the "Monroe Club Special" train will leave here over the Missouri Pacific railway, bearing delegations from northwest Missouri and St. Joseph bound for St. Louis where the national Democratic convention will assemble on June 14-15 and 16, inclusive. It was so decided at an enthusiastic meeting of the local Democrats held at the Monroe club Tuesday evening. President Stigall and others presented the idea of the delegations from this city, with the northwest Missouri additions, attending the St. Louis convention via special train, and the idea was taken up and passed amidst enthusiastic cheering.

All Northwest Will Join

Prominent Democrats in Maryville, Tarkio, Rock Port, Oregon, Mound City, Maitland, Burlington Junction, Platte City, Savannah, Dearborn and other points have written the committee in charge that delegations will be formed and join the local party for the trip.

The special will be properly decorated with bunting, flags and a huge banner on both sides of the train from the first car to the observation end bearing northwest Missouri's famous club's name, "Monroe Club Special," and the residents along the Missouri Pacific right-of-way will long remember this train as an evidence of St. Joseph patriotism and spirit.

The special train will be under the personal charge of Norwood A. Beach, general agent of the Missouri Pacific railway here, and "Norrie" has promised that he will see that right of way and a pleasurable trip will be theirs who are fortunate enough to ride on the special. Furthermore, Mr. Beach has arranged the transportation end so that excursionists can return to Kansas City via any Missouri Pacific train and exchange tickets for C. G. W. transportation to St. Joseph. Also, tickets are good for thirty days, the entire trip to cost \$13.04.

Will Go in Style

The special will leave at 9 a. m. Tuesday morning, arriving in St. Louis at 7 p. m., and on arrival in St. Louis the train will be disbanded.

The Monroe Club has guaranteed the company one hundred fares, but from the indications, a delegation consisting of from 500 to 700 persons will make the trip. Any further information will be gladly furnished by President L. V. Stigall, chairman of the arrangements committee, or by George Akers, R. M. Duncan, Thomas Ly-saght, L. C. Gabbert, Dr. J. C. Whitsell, J. W. Boyd or Ben L. Hensley.

This special train is the second one that the Monroe Club has fathered, and judging from the success attending the Denver special at the time the national convention was held in Denver, the St. Louis train will outshine the former in good times and comfort, because a list of splendid Democrats have signified their intention of attending the St. Louis convention.

The Hypocrisy of Hadley

Ex-Governor Hadley contributes an article to the St. Louis Mirror on "What's the Matter With Missouri?" We can answer his inquiry. The only matter with Missouri is the stain placed upon her a few years ago when the voters struck down Billy Cowherd and elected this pussy-foot, Hadley, governor. Hadley won the governorship by deceiving the Anti-Saloon League. He made this league think he was dry, and he made the St. Louis brewers and the wets generally think he was wet. Billy Cowherd was murdered because he was square and honest. That's what's the matter with Missouri.—Boonville Advertiser.